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To: Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs*
Director, Fish and Wildlife Service
Director, National Park Service
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From: Team Leader, Natural Resources Management
Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance

Subject: Review of Notice of Application Tendered for Filing and Soliciting Additional
Study Requests for the **Cushaw Hydroelectric Project**, FERC No. 906-006,
Bedford and Amherst Counties, Virginia
(**ER 06/650**)(Agency due date: **August 11, 2006**)

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has noticed the tendering of the application for the subject project. The notice was issued on June 26, 2006 and can be viewed on the Commission's website at: <http://www.ferc.gov>, using the **eLibrary** link.

Any additional studies needed by the resource agencies should be forwarded directly to FERC at this time under 18 C.F.R. 4.32(b)(7) no later than **August 11, 2006**. FERC is also asking to cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document. **Agencies that cooperate in the preparation of the environmental document CAN NOT also intervene.** Opportunity for Departmental intervention, review of the applications, and review of FERC's environmental compliance documents will occur at a later date by notice of FERC.

Future Departmental review will begin when FERC determines that the application is **READY FOR ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS**. Related reviews are under ERs 03/496 and 04/0273.

/s/ 6/27/06
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